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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Education Agency Principals, Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: AdvancED Michigan and Michigan Department of Education
Spring 2013 School Improvement Conference

AdvancED Michigan and the Michigan Department of Education's Office of Education Improvement and Innovation are co-sponsoring the Spring 2013 School Improvement Conference on April 17 and 18, 2013, at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan. The pre-conference workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The full-day conference will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This year's conference theme is "The Student Voice...Are We Listening?" Conference highlights include a keynote address from internationally known teen author, speaker, and activist [Adora Svitak](#), an address by State Superintendent Mike Flanagan, and breakout sessions from school practitioners and educators focusing on:

- the student voice and student-led learning
- listening and responding to the student voice
- facilitating the student voice in learning systems

If you have specific questions pertaining to this conference, please contact Diane Joslin-Gould at Joslin-GouldD@michigan.gov. Conference registration and information is available through the Michigan Institute for Educational Management's (MIEM) website at www.gomiem.org.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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